

Please cancel claims 2-3, 5-11, 13, 15 and 17 without prejudice.

Please add claims 18-23.

Please amend the claims as follows:

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a¹ 1. A method for treatment of heart failure comprising inducing phospholamban deficiency, wherein an exogenous phospholamban (PLB) protein induces phospholamban deficiency.

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a² 4. The method for treatment of heart failure of claim 19, wherein the mutations of PLB comprise point mutations.

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a³ 12. A method for treatment of heart failure comprising enhancement of cardiac contractility by inhibition of PLB-sarcoplasmic reticulum calcium ATPase (SERCA2a) interaction wherein an exogenous PLB protein is used to inhibit interaction between PLB and SERCA2a.

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a⁴ 16. The method of claim 22, wherein the mutations of PLB comprise point mutations of PLB.

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B¹ 18. The method for treatment of heart failure of claim 1, wherein the exogenous PLB protein comprises a native PLB protein.

a⁵ 19. The method for treatment of heart failure of claim 1, wherein the exogenous PLB protein comprises a PLB protein with mutations.

20. The method for treatment of heart failure of claim 1, wherein the exogenous PLB protein comprises a truncated PLB protein.